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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 7, 2002 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued on March 7, 2002 in connection with the above identified application. A response to the Office Action is due on April 7, 2002. Accordingly, applicant hereby petitions for a One-Month Extension of Time extending the date for response to May 7, 2002. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the Extension of Time fees.

Restriction Requirement

In the March 7, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner required applicant to elect a single species of seven (7) disclosed by the Examiner for prosecution in the subject application. Applicant traverses the Election of Species Requirement on the basis that it fails to identify the disposition of Figs. 19-36 in the above indicated application.

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However, applicant provisionally elects Species I (indicated as being drawn to Figs. 1 -10) with traverse as indicated above. Subject to the above-indicated traverse, applicant provisionally identifies Claims 1-7, 11-13, 15-22, 24-25, 34-36, 42-44, 46, 48, 50 and 58-62 as being drawn to Species I. Of these, Claims 1-7, and 11-13 are considered generic to all of the seven identified Species. Claims 15-21 are considered generic to Species I and II and Claims 34-36 are generic to Species I, III, and IV.

If any additional fees are required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Berger', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael J. Berger
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Dated: May 7, 2002